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House Appropriations Request FY 2011

Project Name: Biotechnology, NC (Forest Biotechnology and Genetics)
Recipient: North Carolina State University
Recipient Address: Campus Box 7214, 240 Administrative Services III
2701 Sullivan Drive
Recipient City: Raleigh
Recipient State: NC
Recipient Zip: 27695

Amount of Request: \$400,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

The Forest Biotechnology and Genetics initiative is focused on improving forest productivity for solid wood and fiber and developing genetic controls of forest growth, wood properties and tree planting systems. Funding for this project would advance the capacity to deploy sustainable and economical means to utilize wood-based bioenergy. In particular, one of the projects would leverage the recent advances made in understanding how to genetically modify trees to contain substantially lower concentrations of lignin, one of the principal components to natural wood which is an ecological obstacle to efficient ethanol production from wood.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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